

who, whilst on their return, devastated the residence within the Ottawa Reserve, already mentioned.

Harshly as this settlement suffered, it was not, as was threatened and supposed by the enemy, "crushed out." Its inhabitants are renewing their peaceful avocations with increased energy; large accessions have been made to their numbers already the present Spring, and there is every indication that it will go ahead more rapidly and prosperously than ever.

COUNCIL CITY.—For the following notice of Council City, we are indebted to a gentleman residing there, who is amply qualified to judge in the case. He says,

"This Place is located in the circle formed by the Switzler and Dragoon Creeks. This circle is made by the general course of these Creeks, much after the shape of the arms when the hands are brought together; the widest place being at the elbows. The confluence of these streams is about eight miles below their affluence. The City Site is about the centre on a beautiful and inclining plane, and perhaps is not surpassed for eligibility for a town, in the Territory.

"The great 'Sante Fé Road,' passes through very nearly the centre, East and West; and is intended to pass directly through the City Site. Council City is about 90 miles west of Kansas City, Mo.; forty miles South-West from Lawrence; twenty miles South of Topeka and the Kansas River; sixty-five miles South-East from Fort Riley; forty miles East from Council Grove, and equi distant from the Northern and Southern lines of the Territory. It has good water, both from springs and wells; the average depth of the wells are about twenty feet. Coal of a good quality is found in great abundance, cropping out on the banks of the creeks. A good breadth of timber lines these streams, varying in width from half to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; generally hard timber, cedar, and the black walnut, the latter grows large; often three feet across at the butt. It is computed that there is from six to eight thousand acres of timber in a radius of four or six miles. The best of lime stone quarries abound, laying up to the surface, and quarried out at a small expense, suitable for buildings, lime, or fence. There has also been a marble quarry discovered within eight or ten miles of this city, said to be very beautiful and abundant. It is believed the only marble that

Territory without it. By their scouts they learned that there were few men in the place, and those few making preparations for defence.

"All the arms, money and jewelry, that could be found, were taken. Their object was evidently to take all they could carry on their horses, and to carry the most valuable articles. Trunks, desks, bureaus, and every other place where desirable articles to steal could be found, were broken into. Liquor was obtained and drank freely, while they indulged in the fiercest threats and the wildest profanity."—[Phillips.